



STUDENT AFFAIRS COMMITTEE

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Minutes of a meeting held on Monday 13th January 2020

Present:	Mr J Kirk (Chair)	Chair of Governors
	Moosa Ahmed	Student Representative
	Mr J Bagley	Principal
	Sumeiya Gelle	Student Governor
	Nouralhuda Idriss	Student Representative
	Kirandeep Kaur	Student Representative
	Ms N Martin	Assistant Principal
	Ms S Peters	Head of 'A' Level
	Ms F Rippin	Assistant Principal
	Sarah Varghese	Student Governor

In Attendance: Mr M Tolond Clerk to the Governors

Ref	Action
L/20/01	Item 1 – Apologies for Absence Apologies for absence were received from Harminder Bains.
L/20/02	Item 2 – Declaration of Interests in Agenda Items There were no interests declared.
L/20/03	Item 3 – Minutes of Previous Meeting and Matters Arising The minutes of the meeting held on 18 th November 2019 were approved. Nicola Martin confirmed that the link for the Mental Health website was now in place.
L/20/04	Item 4 – Issues of Current Interest or Concern 4.1 <u>Updates on Student Union work since the previous meeting</u> Kirandeep Kaur stated that the Christmas lunch had not been held due to insufficient numbers being available. The Christmas Shoebox appeal had been successful, and a charity cancer event would be held during February. 10 students would be attending a training event at Coventry University during this term and they would report back to the College Student Union on the details of the event. Sumeiya Gelle reported in the work done by students at the College Open Day and the TET talks. Nouralhuda Idriss reported that the closure of the Mezz during afternoons had allowed a more conducive work environment but a number of issues still needed to be resolved. 4.2 <u>Lack of social areas</u> Moosa Ahmed reported that a google form had been prepared for distribution to students to

ascertain their views on student social areas. The Principal emphasised that any social area provision would need appropriate supervision by students themselves particularly in respect of appropriate student behaviour.

4.3 Student Mental Health and Wellbeing

Nicola Martin reported that the College had prepared a Mental Health Strategy for dissemination to staff and students after approval by the Standards & Quality Committee. Moosa Ahmed suggested that a mentoring system would be of value to the students in the College. Su Peters agreed that this would be of value but emphasised the need for proper training of those involved.

Students agreed that involvement of their parents in Mental Health and Wellbeing matters could be valuable to all. It was agreed that relevant signposting could be provided at College Open Days.

4.4 Enrichment

Nouralhuda Idriss suggested that enrichment sessions could replace tutorials, every two weeks. Sarah Varghese suggested that a 'buddy' system between second and first year students could be of benefit to the College and particularly new students. Further details would be prepared for the next academic year.

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4.5 Eco schools award

Moosa Ahmed suggested that submission of an Eco Schools award would be of benefit to the College and reported that a presentation would be made to the Senior Leadership Team in due course. An eco committee would need to be formed to address a number of environmental improvements. These could include walking to College or cycling initiatives. Su Peters stated that there were a range of environmental initiatives that could be included in the proposal and submission to the Assessment panel would require a fee to be paid by the College.

L/20/05 **Item 5 – Any Other Business**

There was none.

L/20/06 **Item 6 – Date and time of next meeting**

The date would be advised for a meeting to be held during the Summer Term.

The Chair thanked all the students attending and for their positive and well-prepared involvement in the Committee's work. The Chair also thanked Su Peters for her work in supervising the Students' initiatives and projects.